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History of Gunpowder Video Questions

1. What were the benefits of the longbow compared to the crossbow?
2. What impact did early cannon have on the battlefield in Europe?
3. What were some of the problems with the “supergun” used at Constantinople?
4. What were some of the benefits of the new guns, the first to be called “cannons”?
5. What were the 3 basic defenses of forts before the use of cannons?
6. What were some of the new defense techniques used to help forts withstand cannon fire?
7. What was a major problem with the new style of forts? Who was able to build them?

HANDHELD GUNPOWDER WEAPONS

1. What were some benefits of rifles/guns over cannons?
2. What was different between training for longbowmen and riflemen?
3. What do you think was a benefit of the rapid-fire strategy?

MEDICINE

1. How did gunpowder weapons affect medicine?
2. Why did gunpowder weapons lead to an increased knowledge of anatomy?

JAPAN

1. After 100 years of gun use in Japan, what happened to gunpowder weapons there? Why?
2. Why did the Japanese feel that the sword was more important than the gun?

AZTECS

1. How did the Aztecs dominate the peoples around them? Why do you think this was effective?
2. Why did Aztec warriors only want to wound the enemy? What would happen to them?
3. Why do you think the narrator says that “the gun would soon make Europe master of the world”?